

## scow renews support for Arabs

OW, March 22 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev renewed Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klito of Moscow's support for the Arabs' fight for freedom and independence, his agency reported today. In a message marking the 35th anniversary of the pan-Arab body, Mr. Brezhnev wished success Arab countries in their struggle "against Israel and forces backing it which are coveting Arab lands." Tass, the official agency quoted Mr. Brezhnev as saying: "The Union will continue resolutely supporting the Arabs' for the freedom and independence of their countries, and exercise of the inalienable rights of the Arab people of the land, including the right to form its own state." The Kremlin said the Tunis-based league's stand against "separate — a reference to the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord — was appreciated in the Soviet Union."

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## Regional Briefs

DBI, March 22 (R) — Sudanese and Ethiopian officials have days of talks in the Eritrean capital of Asmara on prospects across their common border, Addis Ababa Radio said today. Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri said in an interview during a Gulf trip this week that Sudan aims the 18-year secessionist war in Ethiopia's northern province of 300,000 Eritreans are living in refugee camps in as a result of the war. The radio said Mr. Suleiman Faghri, sioner of the Sudanese border town of Kassala, and Col. Wolde Tensay, administrator of Eritrea, signed a cease-fire yesterday pledging an increased flow of information in border, joint operations to contain smuggling and increase trade and tourism. Col. Fikru will pay a return to Kassala at a date to be fixed, the radio said.

ADAD, March 22 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco's personal r, Mr. Ahmad Ben Souada, has arrived here with a message from President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said today. It quoted Mr. Ben Souada as saying on arrival last that the message was part of continuous contacts between nd Morocco in the interests of the Arab cause. He added a hoped the pan-Arab charter proposed by Iraq last month bring about a resurrection of the Arab Nation. The charter nces violence in resolving inter-Arab disputes and opposes esence of armed troops or bases on Arab soil.

V, March 22 (R) — South Yemen today doubled petrol prices of world-wide increases in the price of crude oil. The of a gallon (4.5 litres) of super petrol was fixed at 950 fils (\$2.8) and of ordinary petrol at 900 fils (about \$2.6). The of a cylinder of cooking gas also increased by about 28.6 per 1.250 dinars (about \$3.6) to 1.750 dinars (about \$5.1). try Minister Abdul-Ghani Abdul-Qader said the increases ecome necessary because of the rocketing price of crude oil world market. South Yemen buys petroleum products from n oil refinery, which is run on imported crude oil.

S, March 22 (Agencies) — Tunisian Prime Minister Hadl a, who was hospitalised in Paris Feb. 26 after suffering a al haemorrhage, was transferred to Nice today to continue nvalence, Tunisian sources said. Mr. Nouri, 69, has a ly paralysed left arm and left leg after the haemorrhage on pt side of his brain, the sources said. He underwent surgery 18 for removal of blood clots from the brain. After a brief i Nice, the prime minister will continue his convalescence in , the sources said. President Habib Bourguiba has not d an interim prime minister to replace Mr. Nouri, though appointed the education minister to coordinate day-to-day nent activities. Earlier today, a medical bulletin from the alpetriere Hospital said Mr. Nouri left the hospital "in the ssible conditions." The medical bulletin did not say when uld be able to resume his normal activities.

RAIN, March 22 (R) — Australian Deputy Prime Minister Anthony, who is in Saudi Arabia on a six-day official visit, sies today with three senior Saudi ministers, the Saudi Press ay said. He met the second deputy premier and head of the ational guards, Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, and the or-minister, Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz. Mr. Anthony flies ddah tomorrow for the opening of an Australian exhibition of stuffs, pharmaceuticals, building materials and heavy equip-, according to the agency.

## mi-Sadr wants to purge Gulf

I, March 22 (R) — Iranian Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr sted today as saying he to purge the Gulf area of rican influence.

ing to the Paris-based language weekly An Arab and International, he country refused to give up ff islands occupied by the orces nine years ago.

do not intend to return lands. On the contrary, I o clean the Persian Gulf of rican presence and of all inked to the United he was quoted as saying, strategically important of Abu Musa and the Gre-J Lesser Tunbs lie near the f Hormuz through which rrying crude oil to the world have to pass.

Mr. Bani-Sadr added that, although the U.S. threat to Iran was more tangible than the Soviet danger, "we cannot say that the Soviet Union does not constitute a threat to us... it is on our border."



DELHI, March 22 (R) — Mother Teresa, the Asian-born nun who won last year's Nobel Prize, today received India's highest civilian rd, the Bharat Ratna (Jewel of India), from ident Sanjiva Reddy. Mother Teresa, who has eated her life to the world's destitutes, was n the award, first announced on Jan. 26, in gnition of exceptional and distinguished ser-. "I accept this award as in the case of the

## U.N. arranges ceasefire

### Renewed shelling flares in Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, March 22 (R) — Renewed shelling flared in South Lebanon today despite international calls for an end to the artillery battles along the tense border zone with Israel.

Foreign Minister Fuad Butros said in Beirut the shelling had stopped in the afternoon because of diplomatic pressure on the warring factions. United Nations sources in the southern town of Tyre said they had brought about an undeclared ceasefire after contacts with the different sides.

The Lebanese government has blamed Israel for the shelling in which the towns of Tyre and Sidon were hit by heavy artillery yesterday, badly damaging several houses and wounding seven people.

In a letter to the United Nations, the government reserved the right to summon an urgent meeting of the Security Council following a "series of acts of aggression which Israel has been perpetrating against South Lebanon."

The Israelis denied that they took part in any of the fighting but their forces along the frontier on alert after charging Palestinian rockets landed in Israeli territory.

Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, touring shell-ravaged parts of Tyre and Sidon, told reporters: "What we have seen is a shame on the civilized world... The recurrent attacks have created hardships that make our hearts bleed."

A U.N. spokesman in Beirut reported that one person was killed and another seriously wounded when rightist gunmen sent four artillery and mortar rounds crashing into Tibnine in the eastern sector in the afternoon.

The spokesman said that the shelling of Tibnine, where the headquarters of the Irish battalion serving with the U.N. peace-keeping force in the south are located, was unprovoked.

The wounded civilian was rushed by helicopter to hospital at the 6,000-strong international force's headquarters at Naqoura on the Mediterranean coast.

The spokesman said the U.N. had lodged a strong complaint with major Saudi Haddad, renegade commander of the rightist militias in the border enclave.

The U.N. peace-keeping force has been stationed in South Lebanon since an Israeli invasion of the rugged frontier region in March 1978.

Yesterday the Fijian and Dutch contingents came under fire, but no casualties were reported.

Israeli-backed rightist gunmen opened fire at dawn today with

heavy artillery on the Palestinian militia in the south, the "Voice of Hope," said today its forces would soon be getting big guns capable of shelling Beirut from the border zone.

Mr. Butros said later that diplomatic moves appeared to be having an effect. The foreign minister asked Washington yesterday to put pressure on the Israelis to end the shelling.

The U.S. state department deplored the continuing violence in South Lebanon. It said the reported killing of children in artillery exchanges caused revulsion throughout the world.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has appealed for restraint in the south and said the U.N. was making all possible efforts to restore and maintain the ceasefire.

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Israeli reconnaissance planes flew over Tyre and Sidon today following yesterday's shelling on the towns.

## Carter to meet Sadat on April 8

CAIRO, March 22 (Agencies) — President Carter and President Anwar Sadat have fixed April 8 as a tentative date for their talks in Washington during a telephone conversation today, the official Middle East News Agency reported. The terse statement gave no further details on the conversation.

President Carter has invited President Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin for separate talks in Washington in an effort to overcome problems in Egyptian and Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Israel Radio meanwhile reported today that President Sadat had told Israel he regards May 26 as the deadline for completing the autonomy negotiations.

The radio said President Sadat warned Mr. Begin in a letter received yesterday that if the negotiations failed Israel would be responsible, and that this would have grave significance for Israel and its international relations. Israeli officials said the letter would be discussed at tomorrow's regular cabinet session.

## Presents case to Panama Monday

### Iran to meet deadline for Shah's extradition request

TEHRAN, March 22 (R) — Iran will present its case to Panama for the extradition of the deposed Shah next Monday, Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said today.

The Iranian case against the former monarch, who left Iran in February last year, is expected to centre on allegations that he ordered murder and torture and that he embezzled public funds.

The ex-Shah has been in Panama since last December after undergoing treatment in New York for cancer.

Mr. Qotbzadeh alleged today that former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Mr. David Rockefeller, were engaged in a plot to remove the ex-Shah from Panamanian territory and thus frustrate Iran's extradition moves.

Militant students holding 49 American hostages at the U.S. embassy here since last Nov. 4 have said they will only release their captives if the Shah is extradited to face trial in Iran.

Mr. Qotbzadeh said today: "I think this action by Kissinger and Rockefeller, if they succeed in removing the Shah from Panama and stop the extradition proceedings, will have a disastrous effect in Iran, will probably prolong the process of resolving the problem of the hostages, and will be to the detriment of peace in the region. The sole responsibility will rest with these two men."

The Iranian foreign minister made the remarks in an interview with American reporters and later confirmed them to Reuters, describing them as a declaration on the extradition issue.

Monday is the deadline given by Panama for Iran to present its extradition case against the Shah. It falls at a time when aides of the former monarch report he is "very, very sick," according to reports from the United States.

White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan flew to Panama yesterday in an attempt to resolve a dispute over where the deposed Shah will undergo surgery.

Officials said Mr. Jordan went to Panama, where the 60-year-old former Shah is living in exile, after a dispute between Panamanian and U.S. doctors treating the deposed monarch for a spleen ailment.

Mr. Arnold Raphael, a special assistant to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, and an unidentified doctor travelled with Mr. Jordan.

CBS Television News reported last night that sharp differences had arisen between the former Shah's doctors and advisers and the Panamanian doctors. Aides

said they did not trust medical facilities in Panama, according to CBS.

President Carter was at his Camp David retreat in Maryland for the weekend. Officials said they assumed he would discuss the former Shah's illness with Mr. Vance.

A team of doctors headed by American heart specialist Michael DeBakey is attending the former ruler.

ABC News quoted sources in Washington as saying the American doctors gave a full report on the Shah's condition to the Carter administration yesterday, describing the proposed operation as extremely delicate and a matter of life and death.

The New York Times said in an

## Renews 'full support' to Syria

### Ben Jedid starts three-day visit to Jordan on Monday

AMMAN, March 22 (Agencies) — Algerian President Cheddi Ben Jedid will arrive on Monday for a three-day visit to Jordan, the royal court announced today.

The announcement said the Algerian president would hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein on the current Arab situation, international questions and bilateral relations.

Mr. Ben Jedid arrived in Damascus today on his first state visit since his election following the death of President Houari Boumedienne in February last year.

"I am here to express Algeria's full support to Syria in this difficult period when Syria is facing the plots of the colonialists and their agents," he said in an airport statement. "Every progressive country should stand with Syria in these difficult times."

Mr. Ben Jedid was greeted at Damascus Airport by President Hafez Al Assad, who said, "We shall discuss ways and methods to boost the Steadfastness Front against the colonialists, reactionaries and their agents."

President Assad was referring to the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, an Arab group that rejects the U.S.-arranged Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel.

The two leaders condemned what they called the "policy of defeatism in the (Arab) region." Mr. Assad also underscored bilateral ties with Algeria, which will be foremost on the agenda of their talks.

Meanwhile, Palestinian sources in Damascus said today a meeting of the Steadfastness Front in the Syrian capital next week will probably be put off.

Mr. Ben Jedid was due to visit Damascus, Amman and Baghdad, then return to the Syrian capital for the Front's meeting beginning next Friday.

Algeria and Syria are both members of the Steadfastness Front, which links them with Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The front was formed in September 1978 to oppose Egypt's U.S.-sponsored peace-making with Israel.

Next Friday's meeting in Damascus would have come just before President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin go to Washington for meetings with President Carter.

During his two-day visit to Syria, Mr. Ben Jedid is due to have intensive talks with President Assad. Both want to bolster the Steadfastness Front.

## Arafat according to Brandt

### Mutual PLO-Israeli recognition can be solved 'automatically'

PARIS, March 22 (R) — Mr. Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation believes that mutual PLO-Israeli recognition would be automatically solved if both sides agreed to negotiate together, according to former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

"Yasser Arafat told me... the question of mutual recognition will be solved from the moment the two adversaries agree to sit down at the same table to negotiate," Mr. Brandt said in an inter-

view with the weekly news magazine Le Nouvel Observateur published today.

"The two sides will not have to expressly say they recognise each other. The fact they are negotiating will imply recognition," Mr. Brandt quoted the Palestinian leader as telling him during a meeting in Austria several months ago.

Both Israel and the PLO are on record as refusing to recognise or negotiate with each other.

The only condition set by Mr. Arafat on negotiating with Israel was modification of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 because it refers to the Palestinians as refugees and not as a people, Mr. Brandt said.

He added that a close aide to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told him the PLO would lose all sympathy in Germany if it continued to deny recognition to Israel even if the Israelis changed their policies. "The aide added) that if Israel was one day really in danger, popular brigades would be created in Germany to come to its defence and that, because of the past, volunteers would be numerous," Mr. Brandt said.

## OPEC aides to consider long-term strategy at meeting in Saudi Arabia

KUWIAT, March 22 (R) — Oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will probably meet in Saudi Arabia on May 5 to consider long-term strategy, the Kuwaiti oil ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman told Reuters the special meeting had been suggested at a session of OPEC's long-term strategy committee in London last month by Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti.

The committee proposed automatic quarterly oil price rises under a plan which has to be approved by all 13 ministers. A special ministerial meeting had been expected to study the proposals.

The spokesman said the special meeting had been agreed in principle and a final decision on the date and place would be taken after further contacts between OPEC members. OPEC Secretary General Rene Ortiz said last month the meeting could be held in Taif in Saudi Arabia.

The Kuwaiti spokesman added that OPEC ministers would hold intensive consultations before their next regular meeting in Algeria on June 9 with the aim of reaching a decision on unifying oil prices.

OPEC abandoned its unified pricing system last year after a surge of leapfrogging increases by several producers. A ministerial meeting in Caracas last December failed to solve the problem.

Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul

there is an evident waste of this finite resource," he said in an interview.

Mr. Abdul Karim was quoted as saying his country was encouraging the search for any currency that would be firmer than the dollar for oil pricing. "We have more than one alternative because the speculation and fluctuation in the dollar rate is always in America's interest," he added.

## Marcos will not receive Pinochet

Hong Kong and Tahiti.

Mr. Pinochet already was en route to Fiji when the announcement came from Manila. The Chilean government press office said Mr. Pinochet had cancelled the tour and would return to Santiago tomorrow.

"The news in the early morning hours surprised everyone, especially since it came as the chief of state and his committee were flying toward their destination," the Chilean National News Agency (ORBE) said.

The Philippine rebuff was a severe blow to President Pinochet, making his first major personal effort at enhancing Chile's image abroad.

The regime has been under severe criticism for the disappearance of hundreds of leftists after the 1973 coup that brought Mr. Pinochet to power, and for the exiling of thousands of others.

Roman Catholic church organisations in Suva also had protested the visit, and sources in both governments said Mr. Pinochet had invited himself.

While Mr. Pinochet's advisers were huddling in Santiago decid-

ing how to respond to the announcement from Manila, workers in Manila were dismantling the welcoming signs that had been erected for Mr. Pinochet.

Philippine information ministry officials said President Marcos decided to cancel the visit because he had to be out of Manila "on urgent business." Spokesmen declined to say what that business was.

The decision to cancel the visit came after civic anti groups in Manila began distributing hundreds of circulars calling Mr. Pinochet a "bloody assassin," and denouncing human rights violations under his regime.

President Pinochet and his committee, including Foreign Minister Hernan Cubillos, arrived at Nanda, Fiji, tonight to be jeered by thousands of demonstrators.

Some 4,000 people chanted hostile slogans and way placards as police and off escorted the president from a waiting car. The stration was rowdy but no arrests.



President Cheddi Ben Jedid

But a clear indication that the front's meeting would be put off was given by Palestinian sources who said that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would start a trip to New Delhi on March 29.

He would not have planned the visit if the meeting was going ahead as scheduled, they said. They gave no reason for the postponement.

A Syrian government spokesman told Reuters that contacts between leaders of the Steadfastness Front were continuing to set a date and venue for the proposed conference.

Syrian officials said President Ben Jedid and Mr. Assad would have two closed sessions of talks as well as a third session attended by the delegation of the two countries.

Palestinians sources said Mr. Ben Jedid would discuss the proposed Steadfastness summit in Baghdad with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein next week.



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## Awqaf Council slams Israeli claim of temple discovery

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- The Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Council denounced here today what it termed premeditated Israeli designs on Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in occupied Jerusalem.

In an emergency meeting held here today to discuss a report published in the *Jerusalem Post* newspaper about the alleged discovery of part of the wall of Herod's Temple within the walls of Al Haram Al Sharif, which houses the mosque and the Dome, the council announced to the whole world that "the raising of this subject at this particular time by the malicious Zionist authorities is a blatant attempt to forge history" and misled by alleging that there is a historical Jewish right to Al Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock.

The *Jerusalem Post* said in its Friday edition that "Remains of a wall said to contain Herodian-style stones were found on the Temple Mount (the Haram Al Sharif area) ten years ago -- almost precisely where a controversial researcher places the eastern wall of Herod's Temple."

The *Post* says the alleged discovery was made in 1970 and was kept secret for ten years "because

of its possible political implications." The paper offers little hard evidence to back the claim: in fact, the only two archaeologists said to have seen remains of the wall disagree as to whether it was from the period of the temple and conflict in their descriptions of the stones making up the wall.

The paper said: "The wall was uncovered in 1970 when the Supreme Muslim Council excavated a pit for water storage just off the northeast edge of the platform supporting the Dome of the Rock. A government archaeologist, who asked yesterday to remain anonymous, visited the site after being informed that ancient remains had been uncovered. He told the *Jerusalem Post* that he saw several courses of a massive wall, some of whose stones had the smooth margins typical of the Herodian stones seen in the Western Wall. By the time he returned with other archaeologists, however, the remains -- five metres long, two metres thick and several courses high -- had been knocked down. The archaeologist said he wrote a report including sketches of the stones, but did not publish it. 'I just felt the matter was too sensitive,' he said."

"A dissenting description of the uncovered wall was given yesterday by the only other archaeologist known to have seen it *in situ*. 'I don't remember it as monumental and I don't remember any stones with margins,' said the dissenter, who also requested anonymity. 'It was plainly part of a large complex but there was nothing to indicate it was from the Temple period,' the *Post* adds."

The "controversial researcher" mentioned by the *Post* is Dr. Asher Kaufman, a Hebrew University physicist. Dr. Kaufman, using mainly written sources, his own archaeological observations and complicated scientific calculations, has drawn up a detailed plan of the Second Temple. By making adjustments to his previous calculations, he places the eastern wall of his plan "within a few centimetres of the wall uncovered."

But Dr. Kaufman places the temple about 50 metres north of the Dome of the Rock, departing from the view that the Islamic shrine was built on the ruins of the temple.

Prominent archaeologists contacted by the *Jerusalem Post* said there was not enough evidence to judge the validity of Dr. Kaufman's theory, and thought the only way either to prove or to disprove the theory was to conduct excavations in the area. Only one agreed that the temple had been situated north of the Dome of the Rock.

The Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Council accused Israel of taking advantage of the Camp David agreements, which it said had tempted Israel to scorn religious values and violate the sanctity of holy places.

Israel has now come up with a new conspiracy that is in line with its designs on Al Aqsa Mosque and all holy places, the council said.

This plot, it added, aims at preparing a favourable atmosphere for implementing the conspiracies that are now being concocted against the region.

The council appealed to world opinion, especially the United Nations, to shoulder their responsibilities towards the violations of human rights and to ensure respect of U.N. decisions.

It reminded Arabs and Muslims once again of the danger and called on them to unite and to work firmly to abort the threats to Al Aqsa Mosque. It urged them to shoulder their responsibilities and save Jerusalem and Palestine and

return them to the possession of Islam.

Mr. Ruhi Khadib, the exiled mayor of Jerusalem, was quoted in *Al Dustour* today as saying that the whole issue had been raised at this time so that Israel could claim to the Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

He said that with world attention now focused on Jerusalem and with growing European sympathy with the Palestinian people, Israel has stirred up this issue to justify its desire to swallow up the holy city as the partners to the Camp David agreements prepare for talks on Palestinian autonomy in Washington.

Mr. Khadib added that there was no archaeological proof that the remains of either Solomon's or Herod's temples lay within the walls of Jerusalem. He cited research conducted by a prominent British archaeologist who maintains that the two temples were situated outside the walls in an area facing Silwan.

He added that Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren who conducted excavations with the help of Israeli army engineers around the Haram Al Sharif has not been able to prove that either temple had been situated there and has not published his findings as he had promised to do.



Aerial photo of Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif shows site (arrow) of the Holy of Holies, according to Dr. Asher Kaufman.

## Arab League Council meeting to discuss European stand

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- An assessment of the new European stand vis a vis the Middle East problem and ways of strengthening Arab ties with European and African nations will be discussed by the Arab League Council at its ordinary session to open in Tunis on Monday, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan

Al Qasem said today. Speaking before departing the meeting, Mr. Qasem said the council, meeting at ministerial level, will strive to enlist Arab and European nations' support with a view to achieving a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Arab territories including Jerusalem, and granting of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The agenda for the council meeting also includes subjects connected with the economic and political impact of Arab World of the normalizing of relations between Israel, Egypt, and the Arab World's reaction to this new reality. Mr. Qasem said. He added that the Arab League Council will discuss a paper on Arab information strategy.

Mr. Qasem expressed the hope that the council will be taking all these matters in the spirit of the Arab summit conferences of Tunis, Baghdad.

## Agriculture Ministry plans to double irrigated land

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- The Ministry of Agriculture has drawn up a plan intended to double the area of agricultural land irrigated by river water, Minister of Agriculture Qasem Al Rimawi said today. He said the plan also entails increasing the volume of agricultural output by encouraging greenhouse agriculture and introducing modern methods.

Speaking at a press conference, Dr. Rimawi said the ministry aims to secure more food supplies for the country and to offer them at reasonable prices to the consumer. Jordan produces only one third of the food it consumes, he added, and the demand for food supplies is increasing due to the population growth.

Apart from food production, the country needs to expand its afforestation schemes, Dr. Rimawi said. The ministry will ask various public and private institutions to undertake the planting of trees in certain assigned areas, and

might ask each citizen to plant at least one tree a year, he said.

In answer to questions, the minister said Jordan facilitates the passage of agricultural products from the West Bank to the East Bank and for sale here or for export. He also answered questions pertaining to the achievements and future programmes of the ministry in various regions.

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## Down in the valley

A TRIP along the length of the Jordan Valley, such as your editor took yesterday, is not only literally a breath of fresh air for us jaded urbanites (especially on a flawless spring day) but an instructive jolt about the realities which this country faces.

The Ghor, from Wadi Shu'eib to Wadi Ziqlab, wears a mantle of green after the extraordinary winter rains. Those of us preoccupied with potholes in the streets of Amman can only reorder our priorities on seeing the benefits which this year's surplus of water is bringing, and will bring, to this small Jordanian paradise.

One doesn't have to know anything about agriculture, or horticulture, to feel a sense of excitement on discovering, here and there along the Ghor, the enterprising people who are using the latest technology, plus their own ingenuity, to grow vegetables and fruits and flowers for our marketplaces. Wherever you go in the Valley, you are within sight of Occupied Palestine, but you are reminded that it is not only over there that man has made the deserts bloom.

The Valley is alive with activity that puts flesh on the bare bones of reports about Jordan's development planning. Here, one can not only visualise but actually see what this development is all about. It is clear that the country's planners are right in focusing so much attention on this region which comprises less than one per cent of Jordan's land area.

In a way, the extraordinary conditions induced by this winter's heavy precipitation give one a preview of what can, and will, be done as the Jordan Valley Authority marshals the country's precious water resources for use in the Valley. At the moment, the rivers and wadis and canals are misleadingly full to overflowing, and reservoirs have materialised which have the appearance of tranquil Swiss lakes. This is how it can be in future.

Above all, the Valley is alive with people, particularly young people -- the generation for whom these wonders are being created and whose trust it will be to keep them going. This reminds one of the social emphasis of Jordan Valley development expected to feature in the next five-year plan. One can already see the beginnings of this in the schools and clinics and houses that are being built. We think these youngsters are fortunate to grow up in such an environment -- away from the hustle and graft of the cities. There is a future of hope and promise only insofar as we don't make a mess of it for them. Down in the Valley, this responsibility is brought into sharper focus.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Once again southern Lebanon is suffering the repercussions of Israeli political failure at the international platform. These repercussions take, as they have before, the form of an escalation of artillery shelling by the Israeli-backed right-wing militia. While the international isolation of Israel is intensifying, and while all indications are that the Camp David process cannot avoid collapse, except by evading the deadline for ending the autonomy negotiations, and just as the features of the European initiative are becoming more and more clear -- despite Israeli unwillingness -- we see the hand of Israel trying hard to cause an explosion in Lebanon, with the aim of achieving the following:

-- The creation of a new reality in the region, to be used by Israel as a bargaining chip if it is forced to accept a comprehensive settlement;

-- to deepen the Lebanese crisis with the purpose of weakening the Arab front in order to prevent the Arab from dealing with the Palestinian issue; and

-- to exert moral pressure on the European group by aggravating the aggression in Lebanon initiative.

The U.S. has to remember that the Camp David entanglement cannot be solved in Lebanon, or at Lebanon's expense, because this entanglement is the result of the mistaken assumptions on which the process was founded -- a matter of which the European countries have become aware, realising that they have to move to prevent a catastrophe in the region.

AL DUSTOUR: Saturday marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Arab League. This occasion arouses among Arabs a feeling of pride and satisfaction, due to the league's accomplishments at the level of unified Arab action. It also raises broad hopes of developing the Arab League and expanding the scope of its activities and influence; of making it a tool for achieving true Arab unity.

When anybody reviews the history of the Arab League, he discovers great accomplishments and sad setbacks. All that has befallen it, whether success or disappointment, is a true reflection of the Arab situation during the period of its existence. The Arab League will continue to be the mirror of Arab relations, reflecting both agreements and disagreements.

The transfer of the Arab League headquarters from Egypt to Tunisia was accompanied by important changes in Arab relations, while serious challenges appeared to which Arab peoples and governments now must address themselves.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibition

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photos and posters on "Advanced Technology" in France. The exhibition can be visited during regular hours until the end of the month.

### Documentary Films

The French Cultural Centre presents, in conjunction with the exhibition on advanced technology, documentary films on the aerospace industry at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. The films are "Airbus", "Realite Concorde" and "Ariane."

## PM visits Dead Sea potash plant project

KARAK, March 22 (JNA) -- The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, paid a visit this morning to the site of the Arab Potash Company's (APC) project along the southeastern coast of the Dead Sea in the Karak governorate.

The prime minister inspected, at the outset of his visit, the housing project at the site and listened to a briefing by the chairman and General Manager of the APC, Mr. Ali Khasawneh, about the progress of the potash project. Mr. Khasawneh said that work will commence early next month to implement the third and last phase of the potash project, the building of the potash processing refinery, at a cost of \$107 million. This contract has been won by the

Austrian company Voest Alpine. The potash project is hoped to begin production at the end of 1982, and to reach an annual production capacity of 1.2 million tonnes of potash by 1985.

The gross cost of the project is estimated at \$425 million. A preliminary study on the project showed that it has high economic feasibility, and that its return on investment should range between 17 and 20 per cent.

Potash will be marketed in Southeast Asia, Indonesia and Japan through the Japanese firm Mitsubishi. Europe, Africa and the United States will also receive some of the potash.

The expected returns to the APC from potash are estimated at \$200 million annually.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother, today sponsored a Mother's Day ceremony at Umm Al Hussein Orphanage. The queen, who was accompanied by Princess Alia and Minister of Social Development In'am Mufti, listened to speeches on the occasion made by the head of the orphanage's board of directors and one of the students. She also made a contribution of JD 1,000 to support the orphanage's activities. The Prime Ministry donated JD 500 for the orphanage, and Mrs. Mufti made a similar donation.

AMMAN, March 22 (JT) -- The Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), Mr. Olof Rydbeck, has presented a report on UNRWA's financial condition this year to the Jordanian government, *Al Rai* newspaper reported today. It said the report contains UNRWA's plan to raise additional funds from various nations to meet the agency's 1980 deficit. According to the paper, the agency will resort to cancelling preparatory education at its schools, cancelling all allowances to its staff and reducing the food rations distributed to the refugees. In this way, the report said, the agency will save nearly \$54 million, which is equivalent to the deficit in the \$210 million budget. Mr. Rydbeck will tour Arab states hosting refugees and OPEC countries soon in a bid to raise funds to help maintain the agency's current standard of services.

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- The rate charged for transporting goods by truck from Aqaba to their destinations inside the country has gone up by 65 fils, according to an announcement by Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat. The rate will now be 12.65 per tonne on goods transported by regular truck, and 15.65 fils per tonne if carried by refrigerated trucks. The new rate will take effect retroactively as from Feb. 9, 1980.

ZARQA, March 22 (JNA) -- The Department of Agriculture here has embarked on a plan to stop the encroachment of the desert on the agricultural zone of the city from the east. The department's director, Mr. Irfan Rawhi, said the plan entails the cultivation of various species of plants which can withstand drought and are suitable for desert conditions. It also involves the construction of fences around agricultural land and retaining walls to prevent soil erosion and keep desert sand from covering the top soil. Mr. Rawhi said.

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- Minister of Communications Mohammad Al Zaben said today that his ministry will shortly float tenders for a fully automated telephone system for the Jordan Valley region. He said all towns, villages and population concentrations in the region will benefit from the new project. Dr. Zaben was speaking during a tour of the region, during which he met with local Post Office officials and discussed their region's needs. He said the new project which will be financed by French financial and technical assistance, also entails linking the region directly with Amman and, at a later stage, with Irbid.

IRBID, March 22 (JNA) -- The visiting delegation of deans of Moroccan universities today paid a visit to Yarmouk University and met with its President, Dr. Adnan Badran. The delegation was briefed on the development of the university's faculties and their plans for future programmes. The delegation earlier today visited the ancient town of Jerash and was briefed on its history.

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- The Pakistani ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Shaharyar Khan, today paid tribute to the strong relations between Jordan and Pakistan. In a statement to the Jordan News Agency on the eve of his country's celebration of its national day, the ambassador said Jordan and Pakistan are cooperating in the economic, social, and agricultural fields. He said nearly 6,000 Pakistani nationals are employed in Jordan, most of them as labourers; but a good number of them are working as technicians and specialists in banks, economic and health affairs. Also, he said, there are many Jordanian students studying at Pakistani universities. Mr. Khan reiterated his country's support for the Arab countries in their endeavour to restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

AMMAN, March 22 (JNA) -- A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today that a total of 23 incidents occurred in Jordan over the past 48 hours, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of 11 others. Among these, he said, there were seven road accidents, three fires and one food poisoning case.

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# 'awjihi' grades have not been generally lowered

A Jordan Times Staff Reporter

March 22 — There is a report that this year's examination papers were more strictly than in previous years, a Ministry of Education official told the Jordanian press.

Abdullah Badran, director of examinations at the ministry, said that directives were issued to knock down the general secondary examination as part of a policy to limit the number of students entering uni-

grades of the two sessions — are known.

"Students who have failed the first session can still pass with the help of the second session. They have only received half their marks," he said, downplaying the importance of first session grades.

However, in his opinion it is possible that grades are in fact lower this year. For one thing, a common cheating practice on

objective tests has been eliminated, particularly in Mathematics and English, he indicated.

Until this year multiple choice forms, which are used in certain parts of the 'awjihi, were all the same. Through hand signals, students could pass on the answers to their friends. This year each multiple choice test was printed in four different forms. The order of the questions and answers differed

from one form to the other, so that unless students had identical forms — which they had no way of knowing — cheating was counterproductive.

A second point he made was that the number of students who had studied for the exam on their own at home, rather than in school, had increased from 30 per cent of those taking the exam last year to 30 per cent this year.

Home-study students, he said, generally receive lower grades.

The 'awjihi grades, he said, are considered final, despite the many letters he receives each day from students who are certain their grades were incorrectly calculated. "There is almost zero possibility" of error, he said, because the results are fed twice into the computer which tabulates the grades.

## Dialogue needed to correct anti-Arab bias

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, March 22 — Arabs are not critical enough of themselves to get a fair showing in the Western media, according to a West German consultant interested in the North-South flow of information.

"I agree with the Arab analysis that the Western media are biased," Mr. Dieter Bielenstein, managing director of the Bonn-based Institute for International Relations, told the Jordanian Times in an interview. "But the Arabs must provide more detailed information, and viewpoints that are well-presented."

He pointed out that in the West there is "free competition in information" and added that more information on "all factors of the Palestinian conflict" would be welcome. Israel, he said, has an "effective information machinery and we will not cut relations with it."

He feels that the Arab point of view should be presented by Arabs, but admitted he sees two obstacles to such a presentation. Arabs, he said, know the West very well (although the reverse is not true); but "when it comes to developing an active information policy, they know theoretically what is required, they don't know how to do it in practice."

The second problem, he said, is that if information is to get a hearing in the West, "it must include some self-criticism. Our cultural

attitudes don't allow us to accept information that is 100 per cent positive."

He feels that Arabs, by contrast, have a "more hierarchical way of thinking that makes them shy of publicly criticising their country or superiors."

"Messages carried in high-quality glossy magazines and official propaganda are not what we need," he also feels that other familiar Arab tactics, such as pamphlets and exhibitions, are "not so effective."

Mr. Bielenstein has just completed a tour of Iraq, Kuwait and Jordan during which he met with information officials to get their ideas on furthering North-South dialogue, and elicited proposals from them on how to improve the information the West receives on the Arab World.

After a week's stay in Jordan, he left today for Bonn. While here he met with the heads of the Jordan radio and television stations, the undersecretary of information, the head of the Jordan News Agency and several newspaper publishers.

He described his organisation, the Institute for International Relations, as a non-governmental "planning and brainstorming institute that introduces innovations into international relations." The institute does consulting work on economic development and international aid, as well as on international relations, with a number of Ger-

man governmental institutions.

Now over 30 years old, the institute started as a club for students interested in international relations. It has become more active and developed its liaison role with the government as "we've all grown up," Mr. Bielenstein said.

Around 1977, the institute began discussing the idea that "Arab-German relations outside the realm of economics and trade were insufficient and one-sided." "It was all centred around oil and what Germany could sell to the Arab World. Discussion on political, social and cultural affairs (which Mr. Bielenstein defines to include topics such as town planning, in addition to traditional fine arts) was rare and undeveloped."

The institute has founded a "round table" of Arab ambassadors (including the head of the PLO office in Bonn) and German politicians, economists and scholars to discuss these relations so that "Arab causes, ambitions, and achievements — which are insufficiently represented — could be heard in Europe." This same theme, he added, was taken up last February at the council of Arab ministers of information in Doha.

He feels this is a particularly important development, as he has observed a recent European demand for information on the Arab World that is not being filled. Moreover, misconceptions exist in Europe, such as the one that oil funds are used just to make a few sheikhs rich — while hardly anything is known about the development projects they finance.

This image of the wealthy sheikhs has been common in the West for a number of years. But more recently, last year's revolution in Iran has triggered talk of an Islamic revival which, in Germany at least, has raised the spectre of "Ottomans attacking Vienna" and other such stories vaguely remembered from childhood history classes.

"The combination of images of oil-rich sheikhs and distorted historical reminiscences creates a poisonous movement in public opinion that shouldn't be left as it is," he said.

As a result of his discussions in the region, Mr. Bielenstein has come up with a number of suggestions to improve information on the Arab World in Europe. "For a long time," he said, "Arab VIPs have gone to Europe to listen, not to talk; and our people have come here to talk not listen." He proposes a reversal of this state of

## People

...in the news



Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf

A MINISTER OF SUPPLY, it seems, never can take a break from his job. At a dinner party last Thursday night, Dr. Jawad Anani found himself besieged by fellow guests-housewives complaining about the high price of cucumbers and the powdered milk shortage, and businessmen assailing government restraints on the private sector.

He did a get break for laughter, though, when one guest suggested that his ministry be renamed the "Ministry of Demand." In response, he offered that "excess demand" might be more descriptive.

Mrs. Anani commented that the couple had been trying to get a telephone for years. Now that they finally have one—it was installed the very day her husband became minister—it seems most of their calls come from citizens outraged by high prices and government policies.

"The Germans," Mr. Bielenstein added, "can give advice on techniques. We can provide software—such as journalist training—and a limited amount of hardware. The question is whether the Arabs have the political decisiveness to initiate a new information policy."

WHERE IN AMMAN would you expect to find on show such an assortment of objects as a Crusader cloak from Aleppo, a stuffed peacock, semi-precious stones from Brazil, a miniature Dutch town complete with silver barrel organ, butterflies from Puerto Rico and a pair of lovebirds on a painted tree?

The answer is at the Orthodox Club Thursday night, where a group of aesthetically-minded lady members had taken it upon themselves to add a touch of beauty to one of the club's regular fund raising dinners.

"Rhapsody in pink and blue" was the theme given to the evening's entertainment patronised by nearly 300 of Amman's socialites, including the Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid, and Mrs. Leila Sharaf, who popped in to view an imaginative assortment of pink and blue compositions set out in the reception area.



Mrs. Leila Sharaf

On hand to greet the guests were some of the ladies, who had obviously put in hours of work: Mrs. Fortune Sukkar, Mrs. Rose Loza and Mrs. Mireille Abu Jaber, whose husband Raouf was pleased to point out some rather handsome-looking pink Dutch tulips, a new variety named after Princess Sarvath.

Special praise must go to Mrs. Loza for her creativity in producing exquisite artificial trees, flowers and dining room decor, to a local artist, Mrs. Tony Callis for his interesting model of a Dutch town based on the "pink and blue" theme featuring Mr. Abu Jaber's private collection of model Dutch clay houses, and to Huda Sha'ban, Jordan's leading concert pianist, who graciously performed Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody and the Blue Danube before a somewhat distracted crowd of diners, whose enjoyment of the evening's proceedings could hardly be subdued.



Dr. Jawad Anani

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

| Company                       | Par Value | Number Traded | High    | Low     | Closing Price |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Insurance Co.                 | JD 1,000  | 300           | 1,730   | 1,730   | 1,730         |
| Manufacturing Co.             | JD 10,000 | 69            | 14,870  | 14,870  | 14,870        |
| Silicate Brick Industries Co. | JD 5,000  | 130           | 5,680   | 5,650   | 5,650         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 2397          | 1,470   | 1,470   | 1,470         |
| Bank                          | JD 5,000  | 50            | 13,250  | 13,250  | 13,250        |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 7435          | 1,630   | 1,600   | 1,600         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 3380          | 1,970   | 1,970   | 1,970         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 3306          | 2,400   | 2,400   | 2,400         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 100           | 1,500   | 1,500   | 1,500         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 300           | 14,200  | 14,000  | 14,200        |
| Bank                          | JD 10,000 | 60            | 125,000 | 125,000 | 125,000       |
| Bank                          | JD 5,000  | 3582          | 14,000  | 13,750  | 13,800        |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 2050          | 1,100   | 1,100   | 1,100         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 2800          | 3,420   | 3,400   | 3,400         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 250           | 1,400   | 1,400   | 1,400         |
| Bank                          | JD 5,000  | 200           | 4,950   | 4,950   | 4,950         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 9000          | 1,090   | 1,070   | 1,090         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 2811          | 1,680   | 1,660   | 1,660         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 1280          | 2,260   | 2,250   | 2,250         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 1450          | 1,070   | 1,070   | 1,070         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 50            | 0,660   | 0,660   | 0,660         |
| Bank                          | JD 10,000 | 12            | 21,400  | 21,400  | 21,400        |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 260           | 1,300   | 1,300   | 1,300         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 600           | 1,000   | 1,000   | 1,000         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 1304          | 0,900   | 0,900   | 0,900         |
| Bank                          | JD 1,000  | 3775          | 2,600   | 2,560   | 2,600         |
| Bank                          | JD 5,000  | 2340          | 10,400  | 10,380  | 10,400        |
| Bank                          | JD 10,000 | 100           | 15,000  | 14,900  | 14,900        |

Volume traded on Saturday, March 22, 1980: JD 168,050

Number of shares traded: 51,391

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## UK football roundup

LONDON, March 22 (R) — Central defender Alan Hansen maintained Liverpool's six-point lead at the top of the English first division today by scoring the only goal in the home match against lowly Brighton. The champions were struggling to break down a gutsy Brighton defence when the big Scot moved up to drive home from 20 yards in the 70th minute.

Manchester United, in second place, appear to have a hopeless task of catching the runaway leaders but they live in hope after beating neighbours Manchester City 1-0. Mickey Thomas scored the goal 2 minutes after the restart.

European champions Nottingham Forest, looking for a high league position to be sure of qualifying for European competition next season, were too slick for Southampton, another club chasing a UEFA cup place. Forest, boosted by their outstanding European Cup quarter-final win over Dynamo Berlin of East Germany on Wednesday, won 2-0 with first half goals by John Robertson, a penalty, and Gary Birtles.

Third-placed Ipswich carried their unbeaten run in the league to a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa, whose stylish play has deserted them recently. Scottish international John Wark gave Ipswich the lead after 15 minutes but Villa dominated the remainder of the game and were duly rewarded when Tony Morley equalised in the 74th minute.

Arsenal, in fourth place, also had to share the spoils with London rivals Crystal Palace. Liam Brady gave Arsenal the lead in the first half but Palace almost stole the match from the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-finalists in the final quarter of an hour. Full back Kenny Sansom equalised and three minutes from the end Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings saved a penalty taken by former England captain Gerry Francis.

Scotland's Andy Gray, scorer of the goal which earned Wolverhampton the league cup last week, was on target again today, scoring the first of his side's goals in the 3-0 home defeat of Stoke.

## Service play aids S. African tennis win

FRANKFURT, West Germany, March 22 (AP) — Johan Kriek ousted American Butch Walts 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of

the \$175,000 Frankfurt world championship tennis tournament yesterday. The 21-year-old South African, who now lives in Florida, outplayed the hard-serving Walts at the net and showed a greater variety of shots. Walts relied mainly on his powerful service but was in trouble as soon as Kriek could return it and the exchanges went to some length.

Service changed 10 times in three sets with Kriek coming out on top with seven breaks. He fought for every shot and at one point jackknifed over the net when he could not stop in time, breaking a net post and causing the entire construction to collapse.

On Thursday night the bearded South African had ousted Bill Scanlon of the United States, who had gained the second round by defeating second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina.

In another quarterfinals match, former Wimbledon champion Stan Smith eliminated Raul Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-4. The lanky American will meet countryman Tim Gullikson in the semifinals. Gullikson disposed of Thomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 7-5.

## Badminton champ to defend title

WEMBLEY, England, March 22 (AP) — Padukone Prakash, bidding to become the first Indian to lift the men's single title at the all-England badminton championships, today scored an upset

15-8, 15-10 victory over second seeded Morten Frost Hansen of Denmark to win through to the final. Prakash, seeded joint third, had too much variety for his lanky opponent and now faces defending champion Liem Swie King of Indonesia in tomorrow's final. Neither finalist has dropped a game during the tournament.

Liem continued towards his third straight title by defeating Flemming Delfs of Denmark 15-5, 15-8 in a repeat of last year's final. Prakash, full of grace and power, picked up 15 successive points to move from 5-8 down in the first game to lead 15-8, 5-0. Frost Hansen, a beaten semifinalist last year, never recovered.

Defending champion Lene Koppen of Denmark took only 13 minutes to trounce her schoolgirl compatriot Kirsten Larsen 11-0, 11-0 and won through to the women's final. Koppen won 18 straight points without dropping service. The overawed Larsen, conqueror of two seeded players earlier in the week, looked completely out of her depth against Koppen's strength and subtlety. Koppen now faces second seeded Wibarja Verawaty of Indonesia in the final.

Verawaty, 23, defeated Japanese champion Yoshiko Yonekura 11-4, 11-9 with surprising ease in the other semifinal. Her height and power make her a formidable opponent.

The finalists have a 2-2 record in previous meetings. But Koppen, who has dropped only nine points in the entire tournament, looked brimming with confidence. The cool, clinical style of the elegant Koppen should provide an interesting contrast to the power play of Verawaty, who is bidding to become the first Indonesian to win the women's title.

## Oil supply drops spot prices

ROME, March 22 (R) — Libya is cutting oil production, rumour at about two million barrels per day last year, with foreign oil being reduced from April 1 by about 15 per cent.

A senior official of the Italian state oil company Agip, who runs a 50-50 joint venture with its Libyan equivalent, said yesterday that Libya had reduced production and had advised purchasers of the consequent cuts in sale which would even between 15 and 16 per cent. Major buyers of Libyan oil include Exxon, Occidental, and Shell as well as Agip.

"We do not know what the reason for the cut is," the official added, "but it was apparently a political decision and might represent a desire to conserve Libyan supplies."

The oil industry had expected Libya to cut production this year in line with some other OPEC members such as Kuwait who plans a 25 per cent reduction from April 1 to 1.5 million barrels per day.

Producers are trimming output because of a modest glut of oil. Demand has fallen following a mild northern winter and slow of economic growth in industrial countries. Industry sources say total OPEC output in January averaged 29.5 million barrels per day, compared with 30.7 million in December.

Venezuela, which is itself cutting from 2.3 to two million barrels per day and may make a further reduction, estimated this month that in the second quarter of 1980 supply would exceed demand by three million barrels per day. The glut has brought down price on the spot market, where oil sold on long term contract is free traded.

Sweden's Svenska Dagbladet newspaper yesterday quoted a Venezuelan oil minister, Humberto Calderon Berti, as saying spot prices would probably continue falling in coming months and that only Japan and West Germany were at present major spot buyers. Spot prices are down much closer to official OPEC contract level and range from \$33 to \$38 a barrel, against more than \$40 last year.

Besides cutting output, OPEC states are selling less oil contract to major international companies and more in spot deals to independent firms and state corporations, partly to have more influence on the final destination of the oil.

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# Following meeting with Carter U.S. athletes deeply divided over Olympic boycott announcement

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — U.S. Olympic athletes emerged from a White House meeting with President Carter deeply divided over his announced boycott of the Moscow games because of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

President Carter said the U.S. would not take part in the 1980 Summer Olympics when he met 150 athletes and coaches to explain his views.

He told them: "I know what the Olympics mean to you. It is not a pleasant time for me."

He added that Soviet troops had already taken thousands of lives in Afghanistan, and hundreds of thousands would be lost elsewhere if the United States did not make sacrifices to preserve world peace.

After the meeting with Mr. Carter, a spot poll showed 44 against the boycott, 29 in favour, and 24 abstaining.

President Carter called for the games boycott as part of a programme of measures opposing the Soviet actions in Afghanistan. These included a ban on U.S.

grain sales and electronic equipment to the Soviet Union.

After their meeting, ten athletes gave their views to reporters. Four of them strongly supported the boycott, two gave grudging support and four were adamantly opposed.

Jay Kearney, a member of the U.S. canoeing-kayak team, said he strongly opposed the boycott and would go to Moscow anyway if the International Olympic Committee decided to allow athletes to take part without being under a national flag.

He said the boycott was useless because the Russians had already decided they would not withdraw from Afghanistan.

Dick Tillman, of the yachting team, said a poll had been taken of U.S. sailors now training for the games. "We have agreed officially to support the president in whatever action he deems is necessary," he said.

Mr. Tillman said the U.S. team would take part in alternative international yachting events, which will probably take place in Melbourne, Australia late in the year.

Meanwhile the Soviet news agency TASS today denounced President Carter's personal



President Carter

appeal to American athletes and sports officials to stay away from the Olympic Games as an exercise in brainwashing.

In a despatch from Washington, TASS said the aim of yesterday's White House meeting was "to brainwash sportsmen, to exert unprecedented pressure on them and to fan up the campaign of chauvinism and anti-Sovietism."

TASS said the president was hypocritical in telling the sportsmen it was hard for him to decide to call a boycott of the Moscow games.

"Seeking to sugar the bitter pill, the president overtly flattered the sportsmen and speculated on their sentiments of patriotism," it said.

The official agency said the athletes were asked to sacrifice the Olympic ideals for "the questionable ambitions of the present occupiers of the White House."

## Afghanistan proposes repatriation plan for refugees in Pakistan

KABUL, March 22 (R) — Afghanistan's government has proposed a scheme for Afghan refugees in neighbouring Pakistan to return home under international supervision.

In a statement published here, the government suggested the creation of what it called aid teams from Muslim and friendly countries to assist in the repatriation and rehabilitation of the refugees.

Afghans in refugee camps in Pakistan now number more than 500,000, according to Pakistani authorities.

But the Afghan statement distinguished between "real refugees" — who, it said, fled an oppressive administration under former president Hafizullah Amin and those it described as mercenaries engaged in subversive activities backed by imperialist and Arab reactionary countries.

Ex-president Amin, now denounced here as an imperialist agent, was killed in the Soviet-backed coup of Dec. 27.

The new government recalled earlier statements by President Karmal promising refugees a general amnesty and return of illegally seized property.

The Afghan Government expressed hope that Pakistan would cooperate in the proposed scheme instead of "creating obstacles for the return of Afghan refugees."

It said such a procedure would help defuse a dangerous situation in Afghanistan's frontier area, contribute to détente and improve international relations.

The statement, published on

Thursday, said international aid for the repatriation and rehabilitation of refugees was welcome, but should be channelled through Afghan Government agencies.

It said the Afghan Government was concerned by measures being taken by the United States, China, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and other countries "which have recognised a number of mercenaries as the leaders of so-called freedom fighters in Afghanistan giving them financial and military backing."

The statement said: "It is regrettable that a number of international organisations, contrary to the established and usual practice, have been influenced by these countries."

"All kinds of assistance to these destructive elements, however, would be tantamount to agreeing with their subversive activities."

## Rhodesia's industrial unrest spreads to Salisbury schools

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, March 22 (AP) — A wave of industrial unrest throughout the nation this week spread to four black Salisbury schools, where students rebelled in unprecedented violence, an education administrator confirmed today.

Mr. Robert Marple, the executive officer of the independent Community Schools Association, said in a telephone interview that teachers demanded an immediate 90 per cent pay increase while the students wanted a reduction in

## Colombia guerrillas threaten 'armed actions' inside U.S.

BOGOTA, March 22 (R) — The M-19 guerrilla organisation holding at least 39 hostages in the Dominican Republic embassy here have threatened "armed actions" inside the United States if any guerrillas or hostages are killed in an assault on the embassy, a Colombian newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper Spectator said the threat was made in a communique issued jointly in New York by the Colombian Movement of 19 April (M-19) and two other guerrilla groups. The communique said anti-terrorist squads from Britain, West Germany, Colombia and the United States might carry out an attack on the besieged mission.

Talks between the guerrillas in the embassy and the Colombian Government, which ended in stalemate last week, are due to resume on Monday, Colombian Foreign Minister Diego Uribe

Vargas told reporters that this was at the request of the hostages, 11 of whom are ambassadors.

The guerrilla statement warned "American imperialists and their military lackeys" that they would "respond with armed actions in the United States itself" if an attempt was made to free the hostages and anyone was killed.

The two other groups reported to have issued the statement were the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic Movement of June 14. The newspaper did not say how it had received the communique.

The M-19 guerrillas are demanding the release of 70 political prisoners and \$10 million. Earlier this week they handed over a list of 28 jailed people whose release they said was beyond discussion.

## USSR displaying 'growing doubts' about U.S. commitment to SALT

MOSCOW, March 22 (R) — The Soviet Union is displaying growing doubts about the Carter administration's commitment to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), Western diplomats said yesterday.

The diplomats said this was the clear message of recent commentaries in the official Moscow press on statements by President Carter and his aides on the future of the treaty, which he and Kremlin chief Leonid Brezhnev signed last June in Vienna.

The hardening of Soviet scepticism over Mr. Carter's attitude

also appeared to be reflected in the rejection by Moscow, reported Thursday by U.S. officials in Washington, of American proposals to discuss procedures for complying with the pact.

Debate on ratifying SALT II, generally regarded as the central issue in the relationship between the two superpowers, was suspended in the U.S. Senate at the president's request following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December.

Soviet commentators, who had

earlier privately expressed concern about the administration's real attitude to the pact, said subsequently the move gave further grounds for their fears.

Last weekend the Communist Party daily Pravda suggested a recent statement by Mr. Carter, that he would tell the Soviet Union the treaty could not be observed if he decided it was against national interests, showed further wavering by the White House.

Pravda's Washington correspondent Andrei Tokunov also cast doubt on explanations he said had been provided by administration officials that the president's remarks had been in error, as Mr. Carter himself had given no explanation.

"Has perhaps the SALT II treaty not become for him a weapon in the election game of winning the favours of the mighty American military-industrial complex?" the correspondent asked.

Sources have indicated that they felt this week's suggestions by Washington that Moscow may have been violating the 1975 convention banning germ warfare research were aimed at further portraying the Kremlin as an unreliable partner in arms limitation agreements.

They have pointed to the fact that before receiving a requested Soviet account, the U.S. revealed its own version of the cause of an anthrax epidemic in the Ural city of Sverdlovsk last year.

## Italy's crisis likely to be solved with new coalition

ROME, March 22 (R) — Italy's political crisis is likely to be solved by the formation of a new government of Christian Democrats and Socialists, well-informed political sources said today.

It would have a majority of eight in the Chamber of Deputies and 11 in the Senate and could give Italy a badly-needed degree of political stability, the sources added.

The small Republican Party might also be associated with this projected government, Italy's 39th in 35 years, the sources said.

The Christian Democratic Party, Italy's biggest, has headed coalitions ruling the country since the end of the Second World War, often with the Socialists, who rank third behind the influential Communist Party.

Italian President Sandro Pertini will tomorrow ask outgoing Christian Democratic Premier Francesco Cossiga, who resigned on Wednesday, to form a new government, the sources said.

Mr. Cossiga's minority coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals collapsed after seven months in office when the Socialists, who had kept it alive by abstaining on key parliamentary votes, withdrew this indirect support.

Both the Christian Democrats and Socialists are split into two broad factions but the factions are all apparently ready to agree on an

alliance, the sources said.

For militant anti-Communists in the two parties, the alliance would serve as a way of blocking opposition Communist demands for cabinet posts.

But for leftwingers it would leave open the possibility of some form of parliamentary contact with the Communists, who belonged to a parliamentary pact of "national solidarity" for two and a half years until they withdrew last January.

The other possible solution to the crisis, a coalition of all five centre-left parties excluding the Communists, would symbolically close this off and provoke stiff Communist opposition in parliament.

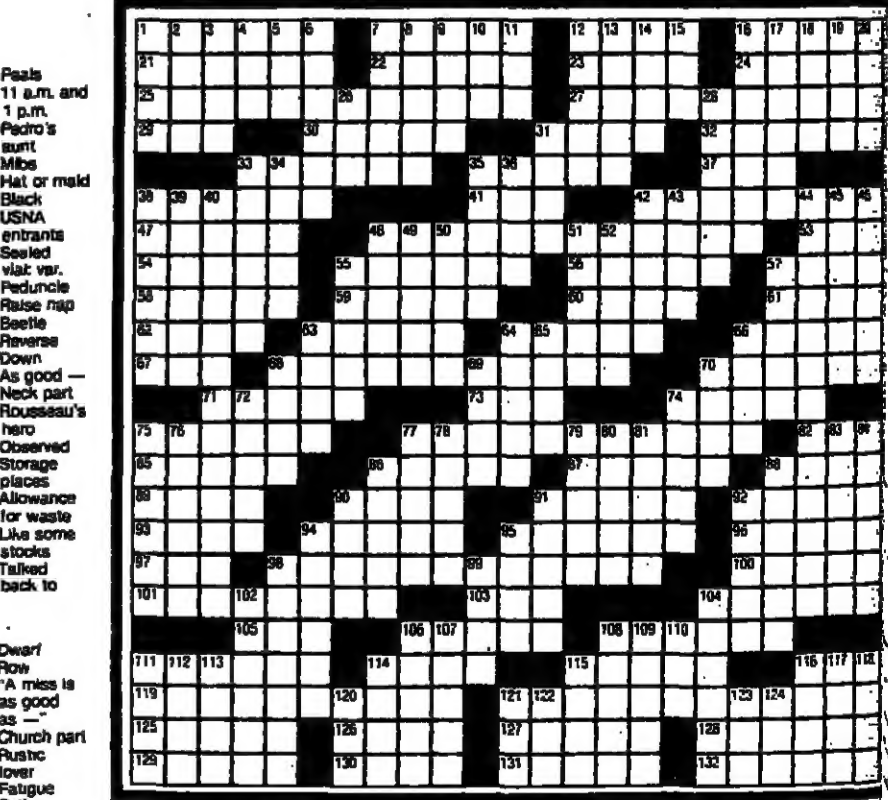
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  - Love and color
  - Center
  - Shelton
  - Elvin
  - Tocan for Macbeth
  - Lowest part
  - All the
  - Way home
  - playwright
  - Veil
  - Feet
  - Zone
  - Low digit
  - Yale vines
  - Not a stone
  - Sharp crest
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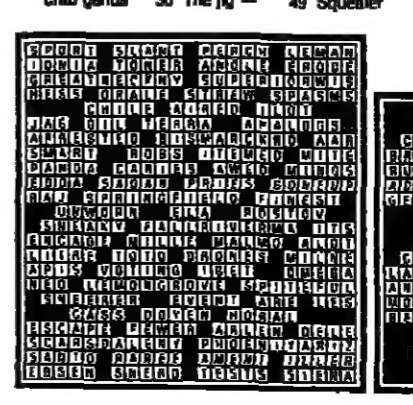
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  - Football
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  - Hardy girl
  - Clique

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- Tier port
- Courthouse
- Porter of basketball
- Probably
- One: comb
- Round or
- Found or
- Prent
- Laughing
- Joy
- Peace
- Circle of color

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- ACROSS
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  - Year or
  - Power unit
  - Emerson's middle name
  - Easiness
  - Five set
  - intention
  - African country
  - WWII craft
  - Fiddler crab
  - Finished
  - Year or
  - troop
  - Clearing
  - tool
  - Plant of the sky
  - family
  - Make suit
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  - habitation
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- Baseball
- Ball and
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- made at
- Debate
- Anger
- Nothing
- Football
- player
- Review
- Hat material
- Fortune
- City
- skoker
- Squaker



- DOWN
- Made up
  - entirely of
  - big names
  - Italian resort
  - Diving bird
  - Domest
  - message
  - Aquatic plants
  - Accot
  - Slow-moving
  - Place for a
  - maral
  - song
  - Containing
  - gold
  - Debt note

## Mozambique's cabinet shaken by dismissals

MAPUTO, March 22 (R) — Mozambique President Samora Machel has dropped three ministers from his government in the biggest cabinet shake-up since the former Portuguese colony gained independence in 1975, the Mozambique News Agency (AIM) said yesterday.

AIM said a presidential communique linked the sackings to "the campaign against errors and irregularities in the state apparatus which have been going on since the beginning of the years."

The communique said Health Minister Helder Martins had been dismissed. It also said Internal Trade Minister Manuel dos Santos and Public Works and Housing Minister Jmao Batista Cosme had been relieved of their duties.

It has not been announced who will take over the three portfolios, AIM said.

Mr. dos Santos is a member of the central committee of Frelimo (Mozambique Liberation Front) which came to power after waging a guerrilla war against the Portuguese colonial authorities.

Mr. Martins was one of the three ministers in the cabinet of Portuguese origin.

Since independence, only one other cabinet minister has been sacked. He was agriculture Minister Joaquim de Carvalho who was dismissed in 1978, AIM said.

In a speech earlier this week, president Machel announced a series of measures to revitalise the economy and root out inefficiency and irregularities in the administration. These included a test exercise to ration essential food and the handing over of state-owned shops to private traders.

AIM said several senior and junior officials were later dismissed or detained for questioning because of "gross inefficiency or irregularities found in their sectors."

## Drug company sued for \$12m Jury awards \$20,000 in birth defects case

ORLANDO, Florida, March 22 (R) — A jury has awarded \$20,000 to a couple who sued a drug company for \$12 million over their son's birth defects after a trial that revived memories of the thalidomide furore in the 1960s.

Yesterday's verdict came from a federal court jury which heard 44 days of testimony in the case brought by Michael and Elizabeth Mekdec against Richardson-Merrell Incorporated, maker of Bendectin, a drug commonly used for the treatment of morning sickness during pregnancy.

The couple claimed the drug, which Mrs. Mekdec used during the first months of her pregnancy in 1974, caused their son David's birth defects.

David was born with a caved-in chest and a short right arm. He lacks two fingers on his right hand and his right thumb and index fingers are joined together.

After the verdict, Mrs. Mekdec said she and her husband were

delighted by the jury's decision. "I'm delighted with the verdict. I'd rather give this to my son than a million dollars."

"I did what I came to do," she added.

During the trial, Merrell contended Bendectin, which is sold outside the United States as Debendox, had been used by 30 million pregnant women in the past 23 years and births of deformed children were no more common among women who used it than among those who did not.

"The verdict of the jury seems a clear vindication of Bendectin," the company said in a statement.

It said the award "was an obvious compromise which in no way detracts from the safety of the drug."

During the trial, experts from several countries were called by both sides to testify about the substance.

Attorneys for the Mekdecis said they would probably appeal against the decision.

## World News Briefs

LONDON, March 22 (AP) — German-born industrialist Rolf Schell flew out of London to Italy today within hours of hearing that his 15-year-old daughter Annabel was freed by kidnappers in Sardinia. A spokesman for him said the family was "delighted and relieved" by the news. Mr. Schell, 55, caught the first plane from London to Rome within two hours of being told at his London home that Annabel was released during the night after seven months captivity. The British Broadcasting Corporation reported police sources in Sardinia said that the girl was "not in bad physical condition" when she was found. The family was snatched last Aug. 22 near Palau in northern Sardinia, while on vacation. Mr. Schell was released 16 days later to fir ransom money, and his wife was set free in January.

ANKARA, March 22 (R) — The election of new Turkish president had to be postponed today because there were no candidates. The choice of the country's seventh president has been left dangling as Justice Party of Premier Suleyman Demirel and Mr. Bulent Ecevi Republican People's Party have failed to agree on a joint candidate. Neither party has enough seats in parliament to carry through candidate on its own. Mr. Ecevit said: "Today's developments have shown once again that a dialogue between the political parties is essential."

MILAN, March 22 (R) — Police yesterday reported the biggest haul of heroin ever made in Europe with recovery of some 40 kilos of drug worth an estimated \$50 million (€57 million) on the spot. They said three brothers, named as Domenico, Antonio and Emanuele Adamita, were arrested last Tuesday on a tip-off by U.S. drug enforcement authorities and charged with drugs trafficking. Drugs squad police, acting on U.S. police information, said the men to a packer in Gallarate near Milan. The three handled four large cardboard boxes containing the pure heroin sealed in tins and hidden amongst a batch of gramophone records, police said.

NAIROBI, March 22 (R) — Uganda has appointed a committee to handle compensation claims from thousands of Asians expelled from the country by dictator Idi Amin in 1972. Announcing this, Prime Minister Jack Ssemu said the Uganda National Liberation Front (UNLF) government's policy was to accept all obligations left behind by Amin, who was ousted nearly a year ago. Radio Uganda said the committee would also deal with the compensation claims Ugandans and others whose property was seized by the Amin regime. Former attorney-general Nkomo Mugerwa was named chairman of the committee. The radio said the UNLF recognised compensation agreements reached by Idi Amin with the late Government and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were final. They covered compensation payments Indian citizens and for stateless persons — although the UNLF recognised that there might be some "residual matters" to settle relation to their claims. Most of the expelled Asians, however, British subjects, and their compensation claims have never been settled. Ugandan sources said they amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars.

SANTOS, Brazil, March 22 (AP) — Dockworkers voted to go on five-day strike and return to work today in Brazil's most important port, union spokesmen said. The 12,500 members of four unions decided early today to accept the offer of the Santos dock or pay for a fixed wage increase of \$17, up to \$20 a month overtime and \$17 a month as a percentage of company profit. The unions originally had asked for an increase of \$70 a month. The unions' decision to return to work followed a gut-tough push by the federal government. Labour Minister Murilo Mello Thursday declared the strike illegal. He did not say what the government would take against union organisers, but in past the government has fired dissident leaders and sent in police to take over union headquarters.